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Economist Urges Logic in Unions

PORT ALBERNI — Actions of trade and labor unions must be based more and more on logic, Noel Hall, UBC professor of economics, told the banquet closing the weekend labor institute here.

He recounted accomplishments of the labor union movement in promoting social and moral justice. Many of the progressive ideas brought forward by unions had succeeded through emotional appeal, but in the present complex society, matters of finance, economics, inflation and the dollar balance

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Emotional Appeal No Longer Holds

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must be considered, he declared.

He appealed to unionists to use their power in pressing for educational opportunities. "While trade unions have brought about fantastic improvements and made higher education a possibility for more people, there is still a question of the adequacy of the educational system in Canada," he said.

A radical change in public thinking, national scholarships and improved facilities in universities were recommended as goals toward which "highly organized and extremely powerful" groups should work.

Earlier, Arnold Smith, chairman of the Nanaimo-Alberni Labor Council's unemployment committee, said federal aid to municipalities is just a joke when it comes to relieving unemployment.

He said that the federal grants to cover 50 per cent of labor costs on municipal winter work projects is useless and inadequate because most municipalities had used up their budgets before the offer was made.

In Vancouver and the lower Fraser Valley area where 90 per cent of B.C.'s unemployed are located, only 300 persons have been put to work through the federal scheme, Mr. Smith said.

Suggestions were invited from the 32 representatives of 12 local unions for guidance of the labor council in preparing resolutions on the unemployment situation.

'Tin Ear'

Caulking seams of 60-foot parabolic antenna at North River station, on coast of Alaska, maintenance crew stands on wind-buffeted scaffold. Antenna is one of many giant "tin ears" in the White Alice communications system across 3,100 miles of Alaska.

Strachan Draws The Line

DUNCAN — Even though perishable goods might be involved, opposition leader Robert Strachan will not vote for compulsory labor arbitration.

He told members of the Cowichan Agricultural Society recently he realizes the predicament the farmers may get into, and yet he cannot support them.

Mr. Strachan said he would give his support to almost all other recommendations put before the legislature by the B.C. Federation of Agriculture.

Mr. Strachan agreed that the cut in B.C. agricultural estimates had affected some services the agricultural engineering branch and field crops branch had provided to farmers.

He discussed other points during his usual pre-session talk with society members.

Witness Tells Murder Jury

Quarrel Before Shot

NEW WESTMINSTER (CP) — A 20-year-old Chilliwack youth quarreled with his elder brother on the day he is alleged to have murdered him, an assize court jury was told Monday.

Robert Arthur Chapman is charged in the shotgun slaying of John Dennis Chapman, 23, on the family farm in Chilliwack Oct. 17.

Charles Bellamy, a brother-in-law, testified he and the two brothers were building a room in a woodshed at the side of the house when an argument developed as to where some wiring should be installed.

"A few moments later I heard a shot and then I heard Johnny calling 'Bob, Bob.' I ran out and saw Johnny leaning on the screen door of the farmhouse, kind of sinking to the ground."

Surrender Finishes 'Freedom'

Giving himself up to his Victoria lawyer yesterday afternoon, a 16-year-old youth ended more than a week of "freedom" after escaping from the Brannan Lake Boys' Industrial School.

The youth was wearing only pyjamas when he fled the school, and since then had eluded police of lower Vancouver Island.

He is now in custody of city police, and facing possible charges in addition to that of escape.

Sidney Branch Mushrooms

'Adequate Pensions' Wish for New Year

A New Year's wish that pensioners during 1959 receive "adequate pensions to meet the ever-increasing living costs" was expressed at the first annual dinner of the Sidney Old-Age Pensioners' Association.

The wish was made by John Milling, president of OAPA Branch 5, Victoria, in answer to a toast by Sidney branch secretary Robert Thompson.

Mr. Thompson said the 10-month-old Sidney branch, which mushroomed from 18 to 100 members, and its executive intend to make the association a place for pensioners to find help and friendship.

"We are non-religious, non-political and have no color bar," he said. This organization was instituted for the sole purpose of securing for our members benefits that would assure them freedom from want and sickness."

Navy Officer To Be Buried In Victoria

HALIFAX (CP) — Lt. Cmdr. Ian Cameron Martin, 44, a native of Northfield, B.C., died in Stadacona Naval Hospital here Monday.

He joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1940 and served on convoy duty out of this port during the Second World War. Since 1957 he was an instructor at Stadacona Training School.

Survivors include his wife, a daughter, Doneen, 12, and a son, William, 10.

Funeral services will be held here Wednesday. Burial will be in the naval cemetery at Victoria.

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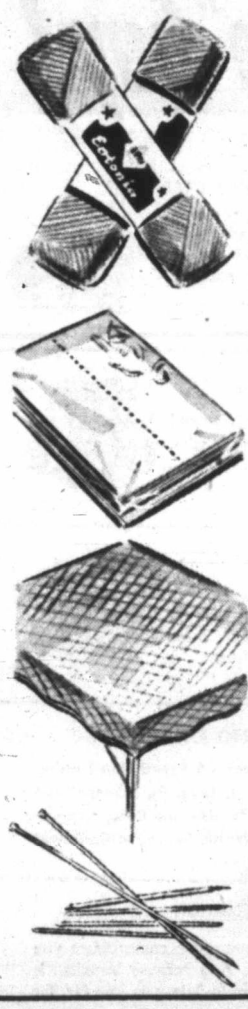

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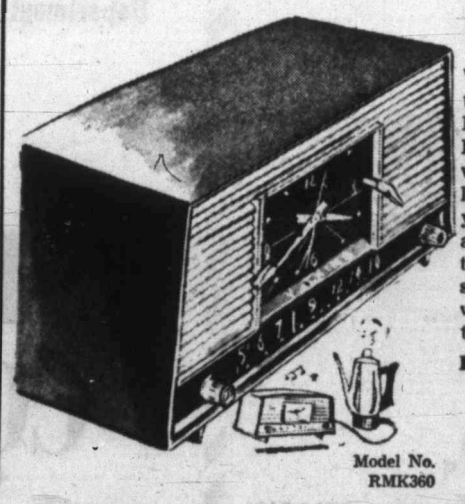

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